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Read: From the Surgeon General, No.23515-2-PW, dated 29-4-47.
From the Surgeon General, No.R-52560-E1, dated 22nd/24th September 1947.

ORDER:

The Health Survey and Development Committee has made recommendations for the following matters in connection with medical care of persons suffering from venereal diseases:-

(i) Creation of the post of a Provincial Venereal Diseases Officer with suitable Assistants on the establishment of the Provincial Public Health Department.

(ii) Establishment of Venereal Diseases clinics in close association with the main hospitals at the provincial headquarters, districts and secondary units.

(iii) Provision of facilities for personal prophylaxis at each of the centres of treatment..

(iv) Provision of diagnostic facilities in the Public Health laboratory at the Provincial headquarters and in the regional laboratories.

(v) Provision for the training of medical practitioners in the treatment of these diseases, in the clinics at the provincial headquarters and suitable clinics in the districts.

(vi) Exercise of control over cures for and treatment of these diseases.

2. The Government pass the following orders on these recommendations:-

Item (i) The Government consider that, for the present, it will be sufficient if the Surgeon General, in planning measures for the control of these diseases, consults the Venereal Specialist in the General Hospital, whenever he considers that the latter's expert advice is necessary on any matter. A separate post of Provincial Venereal Diseases Officer is now unnecessary.

Item (ii) and (iii). The Government observe that there are special departments for the treatment of Venereal diseases in the Government General Hospital and the Government Stanley Hospital and that there are venereal clinics in several mufassal hospitals; in some of them, facilities for personal prophylaxis are provided. Post War Schemes 100 and 101 contemplate the establishment of a Venereal Disease Department in each reorganised Taluk Head Quarters Hospital and District Head Quarters Hospital. In the Government's opinion, the provision of facilities for treatment of venereal diseases, on a province-wide scale will become an accomplished fact only when the above post war schemes are given effect to, in all the districts. The gradual implementation of these Post War Schemes has already been taken up and orders will be passed in the matter in due course. In the meantime, the Surgeon-General is requested to see that arrangements for treatment, and for prophylaxis are carried out efficiently in the centres in which they now exist.

Item (iv). As regards free diagnostic facilities for medical practitioners, in respect of these diseases, the Surgeon General has stated that the fee charged at present for the examination of chemical material in the King Institute is small, that the Institution cannot at present cope with the demand for tests if they are made free, and that the question can be considered after post-war scheme 104 for the reorganization of the King Institute and for the establishment of regional laboratories is implemented. The Government agree with the Surgeon-General in this view. The question of giving effect to this Post-War scheme is separately under the consideration of Government.

Item (v). Training is at present given in the treatment of diseases, in the Government General Hospital and Government Stanley Hospital, to medical practitioners in this Province, free of cost. The Surgeon-General's proposal to place this training scheme on a permanent footing is separately under consideration and orders will be issued on the subject in due course.

Item (vi). The question of legation for the control of remedies for venereal diseases has been referred to the Medical Relief and Public Health Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee's views on the subject are awaited.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

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